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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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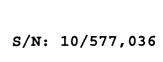
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 18, 2007, Applicant hereby responds to the Restriction Requirement as follows:

Applicant elects the ester according to claim 2 as a single species and, therefore, claim 2. The elected species  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  in Formula (1) are a 2-ethylhexanoic acid and a benzoic acid residue, respectively. These correspond to Formula (II) on page 3 of the specification. This ester is used in Examples 1 - 7. This election is made without traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the above is fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement. Further, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition





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. for examination on the merits, and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly requested.

Respectfully submitted

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